

Parent Involvement Survey: Indicator 8

Measurement: Percent of parents with a child receiving special education services who report that schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities.

Calculation

Percent = # of respondent parents who report schools facilitated parent involvement as a means of improving services and results for children with disabilities divided by the total # of respondent parents of children with disabilities times 100.

Collection Method

Information is collected through a paper survey parents fill out.

Collection Dates

Throughout the School Year, however it must be post-marked by **May 30**.

District Submission Date

Parent Surveys must be disseminated throughout the school year but no later than April.

Important Notes:

Two parts to review: Response Rate and Percentage feels involved

Strategies to Analyze for Parent Survey Data:

- Districts will send to parents/guardians of students with disabilities the survey with either the state form letter or their own.
- Review the response rate for the last year.
 - Does the district need to create strategies to improve how many surveys are returned?
 - How did the district provide the surveys to their parents in previous year?
 - Are there other ways that may boost returns?
- Review the percentage for each item:
 - Explanation of the parent survey percentage is located on the SPP site under Indicator 8 or at the following website: <http://doe.sd.gov/oess/specialed/SPP/pdfs/Ind8SDcutscorePartBSurvey1.pdf>
 - Which questions did the district score lowest or below the target?
 - What strategies could the district incorporate that would raise that percentage the next year?
- Do we need to contact regional representative at Special Education Programs for ideas?

Resources and Improvement Activities

National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities (NICHCY) <http://www.nichcy.org/> has a variety of publications for parents.

Technical Assistance Alliance for Parent Centers: <http://www.taalliance.org/centers/>

South Dakota Parent Connection: <http://www.sdparent.org/>